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CZAR CONSIDERS PEACE QUESTION

Matter Formally Discussed
at Conference at
Tsarskoe Selo.

GRIPENBERG TELLS STORY OF RETREAT

Blames Kuropatkin for Failure
to Send Reinforcements—Ar-
rival in St. Petersburg
Causes Sensation—Says
Victory Was in His
Grasp.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The Associated Press learns on exceptional authority that the question of peace was formally considered by Emperor Nicholas and his intimates at the conference held at Tsarskoe Selo yesterday. No particulars are obtainable as to the discussion, but the Emperor is reported to have expressed a strong opinion in favor of peace, and to have promised not to divulge the slightest hint of what transpired. The belief is, however, that the possible conditions and terms were under consideration.

It is suggested in high quarters that some intimation of terms had reached the Russian government from Japan although it is certain that it did not come through the regular diplomatic channels.

Gripenberg's Story.

The arrival in St. Petersburg of General Gripenberg, former commander of the second Manchurian army, who reached here at midnight, has caused a good deal of a sensation in military circles. General Gripenberg, in an interview, describes the battle in which his army was engaged, saying that victory was in his grasp if he could have obtained the reinforcements he asked for. He concludes: "The only of General Kuropatkin arrived at 5 in the evening in the shape of an order to leave a small force in our positions and move up the army to his support in view of the expected Japanese advance on the center. How was it possible for the Japanese to attack the center when all their available forces were diverted westward? It is impossible to describe the impression produced upon me by the order. We retreated during the night of January 25th with tears in our eyes and bitterness in our hearts. It was then that I decided that my presence at the theatre of war was no longer possible, and the next day I handed in a report to the commander-in-chief, demanding my relief."

OFFICERS OF LENA VIOLATE PAROLE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The State Department has invited the fact that the Russian government has released the officers of the Russian transport Lena, who were interned at San Francisco, have broken their parole and are now in St. Petersburg. The men are Engineer E. Kozmin and Midshipman Peter Michaeloff and Andrew Kirov. Secretary of State has notified the Russian government of the facts in the case, making no demand for the return of the men, but simply leaving it to the Russian government to do the proper thing in this case.

RUSSIAN DETACHMENT SURROUNDED BY JAPS

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Sachetun, Manchuria, says 11,000 Japanese troops and a large band of Chinese bandits have surrounded a Russian detachment of 400 men in the neighborhood of Chahachon, forty-five miles northwest of Gushu Pass, where they intended to operate against the railroad. A detachment of Russian frontier guards, with two guns, encountered the Japanese February 14th and defeated them. The detachment, however, while advancing, was surrounded by two regiments of Japanese cavalry, four companies of infantry and a large band of Chinese bandits, about fifteen miles northwest of Gushu, and lost heavily. One gun was lost and nearly all the gun horses and a number of gunners were killed.

KUROPATKIN IS CHANGING BASE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 17.—According to the correspondent at Shanghai of the Daily Telegraph, General Kuropatkin apparently is changing his base from Mukden to Fushun.

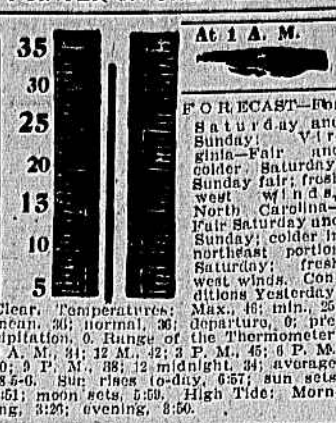
KAISER WILL ACCEPT UNIVERSITY DEGREE

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Emperor William will accept the degree of doctor of laws from the University of Pennsylvania. It will be conferred upon him in Absentia, February 22d, at the time it is bestowed upon President Roosevelt. Instructions have been issued to Baron von Speck, the German ambassador, to represent the Emperor. This is the first instance, so far as known, in which a reigning sovereign has taken a university degree.

DECLINES TO DISCUSS HITCHCOCK CHARGES

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 17.—Hoke Smith, former Secretary of the Interior, whose official action in granting a lease of lands in Indian Territory to alleged oil speculators, has been criticized by Secretary Hitchcock, declined to make any statement today to an Associated Press reporter. He said that he will reply to the criticism, but he would say nothing of it until he shall have better information as to the exact nature of the comment on his act, and also until he can refresh his memory as to the matter in question. Mr. Smith left for Washington late today.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER



KANSAS FIGHT WAXES FIERCER

House Adopts Bill Mak-
ing Oil Pipe Lines
Common Carriers.

STATE CAN NOW USE TRUST LINES

Governor Says Legislation Is
Not Effort to Drive Standard
Oil Company From Field,
But Attempt to Compel
Monopoly "to be
Decent."

(By Associated Press.)

TOPEKA, KAN., Feb. 17.—The Kansas House today without a dissenting vote, passed the bill making oil pipe lines common carriers. This is the second of the series of bills directed against the Standard Oil Company. It has already passed the Senate and will, it is said, be signed by the Governor. Without this bill the refinery plan could not have been carried out successfully, owing to the lack of pipe lines owned by the State. Now, however, the State oil can be piped through the Standard Oil Company's lines.

The discrimination bill, designed to prevent the Standard Oil Company from underselling the State refinery, was made a special order for next Monday. This bill makes it unlawful for any commodity to be sold in any one town of the State lower than in another, except such differences as may be made necessary through freight rates. Thus the Standard Oil Company will be prevented from cutting the price of oil to meet the State price at any place in the State unless it reduces the price for the whole State.

Governor Hoch today signed the bill passed on Wednesday, appropriating \$200,000 for the erection and maintenance of a State oil refinery with a capacity of 2,000 barrels a day. Governor Hoch sent a lengthy message to the Legislature giving his reasons for signing the refinery bill.

Governor Hoch said that the present legislation was not an attempt to drive the Standard Oil Company from the State, nor to deprive it of its right. "It is not an attempt to establish a monopoly, but an attempt to compel a monopoly already existing to be decent," he said. That when normal conditions have been restored, the State would be glad to withdraw from the business of refining oil.

Company Buying Oil.

(By Associated Press.)
CHANDLER, KAN., Feb. 17.—The Standard Oil Company is again buying oil in the Chanute district, after refusing to take any for one week. The construction of the pipe lines in the territories of the oil fields, which was recently suspended, is also again in progress.

State Refinery in Colorado.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, COLO., Feb. 17.—A bill for the establishment of a State oil refinery has been introduced in the Colorado Legislature. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$150,000 for the erection and operation of a refinery. The price of crude oil in this State has recently been reduced from \$1 to 80 cents a barrel.

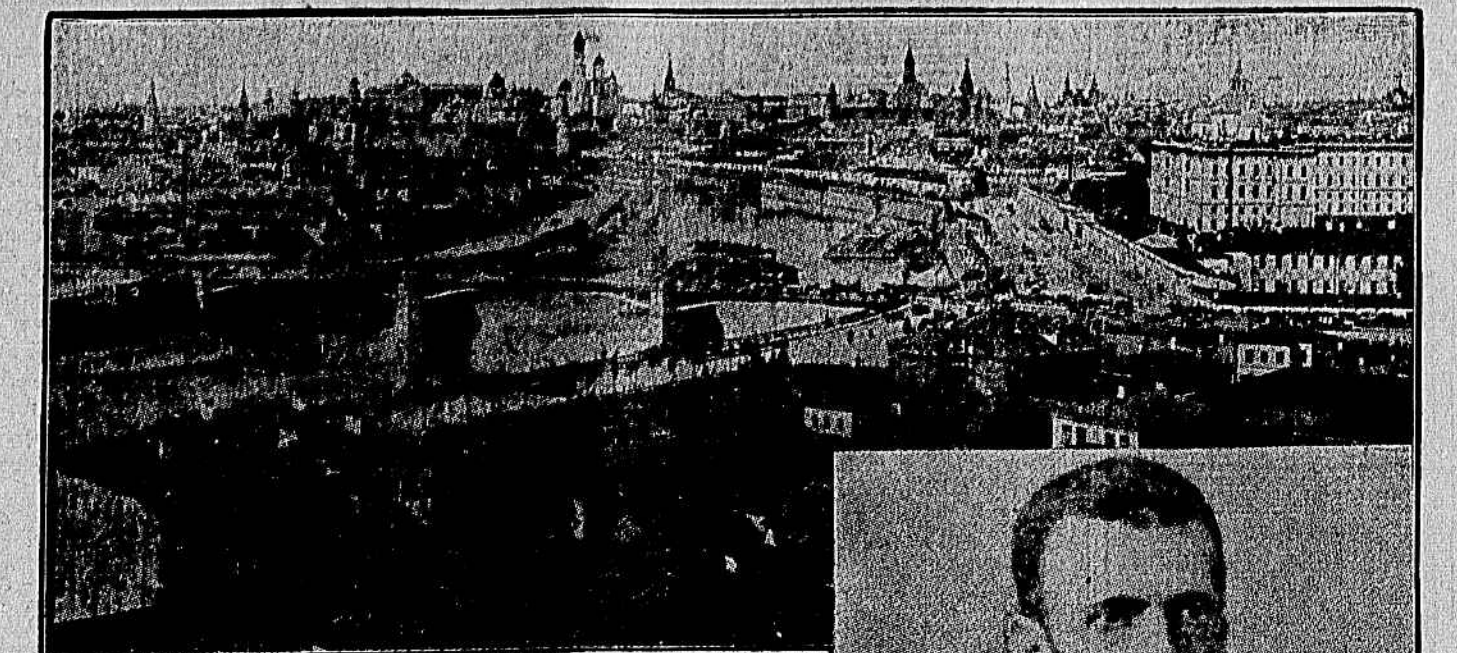
SPENT THE NIGHT IN A FAST-FROZEN RIVER

Terrible Experience of George
Jackson, a Young Citizen of
Petersburg, Va.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOOKER, VA., Feb. 17.—Notaway River, from the rains of the 12th and 13th, has been out of its banks. George Jackson, traveling collector for S. S. Elliott of Petersburg, Va., spent the night Tuesday in the low ground of this river. Not knowing the depth of water, he drove in, and about half way it was too deep for his horse to break the ice, and, no one going to his rescue, he spent the night in the buggy. He was found next morning more dead than alive. His clothes were frozen to his body. A few hours more and life would have been extinct. His feet and legs were frozen, and he could scarcely articulate when got to shore.

VIEW OF MOSCOW AND PICTURE OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS, ASSASSINATED YESTERDAY WHILE ON WAY TO KREMLIN



General View of Moscow, Showing the River and the Kremlin in the Distance. Grand Duke Sergei Was on His Way to the Kremlin When He Was Killed by a Bomb.

AMERICAN TRUST IS NEW COMPANY

Perpetual Building, Loan and
Trust Company to be
Merged.

SANDS IS TO BE PRESIDENT

The American Trust Company, with Mr. Oliver J. Sands as president, and with capital of not less than \$200,000, will probably begin business within the next sixty days.

The new trust company will do a general banking business and will have offices on Broad and on Main Streets. The Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company will be merged into the new company.

"We have made the Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company a proposition, which they have neither declined nor accepted. Until they accept our proposition we are up in the air, and therefore I cannot say definitely what our plans will be."

"We may use the charter of the Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company, or we may use an old charter that I secured some time ago. I think the Perpetual charter is an excellent one, and we may use it and change the name. What that name will be I cannot tell you at this time."

"The capital stock of the new company will not be less than \$200,000; I can tell you that much."

"I cannot say who will be the officers of the new company. I may be president if the stockholders see fit to elect me, but that is a matter for the future to decide."

This is what Mr. Oliver J. Sands, president of the American National Bank, said last night, when asked if he and his colleagues had purchased the Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company with a view towards opening a bank on Broad Street.

Likely to Accept.
Mr. Charles Hutzler, who is looking after the interests of the Perpetual, said that the proposition made by Mr. Sands would be accepted on Tuesday next, if the two additional signatures could be secured. These two parties are believed to be stockholders, out-of-town, and there seems to be little doubt that the deal will go through.

Mr. Hutzler said: "If the two signatures are gotten, the new organization will begin business on both Broad and Main Streets."

"The new company will be called The American Trust Company, and will operate under a charter secured some time ago by Mr. Sands and his associates. The American Trust Company will have Mr. O. J. Sands as its president, and I will be actively connected with its management and deeply interested in its welfare."

"We have an option on a house on Broad Street, for our bank. The office on Main Street will be in the American National Bank building."

"The new concern will do a banking as well as a trust business, and the capital will be sufficiently large to win the confidence of the entire community."

"Mr. Henry Hutzler will not be connected with the American Trust Company, but will enter business on his own account."

Mr. Charles Hutzler, on being asked why he had retired from the directorate of the Broad Street Bank, said:

"I retired for reasons that are of a private nature, and about which I cannot talk."

"I did not retire on account of the new bank for Broad Street, with which I will be connected."

E. C. WOOLDRIDGE AGAIN IN COURT

Arrested With Dan Wooldridge
on the Charge of Attacking
R. D. Forbes.

RELEASE OF BOTH ON BAIL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUCKINGHAM, VA., Feb. 17.—E. C. Wooldridge and Dan Wooldridge were arrested and brought here to-day. Dan Wooldridge is charged with making an assault with intent to kill R. D. Forbes. E. C. Wooldridge is charged with being an accessory.

They were jointly indicted by the grand jury yesterday, and when brought here to-day they were bailed by Judge Hundley, with Mrs. E. C. Wooldridge as surety.

A STOCK TRESPASS.
The whole affair grows out of an alleged trespass by Wooldridge's stock on the Forbes land. It is thought by some that Wooldridge is entitled to the sympathy of the people in this instance.

P. A. Forbes, Judge Hundley and F. C. Moon are all on the sick list. Judge Hundley and Mr. Moon being confined to their rooms.

Her Family Summoned.

Mrs. N. F. Ellis is ill with pneumonia at her home, and has telegraphed for all of her sons who are away.

The Wiggins bridge question was settled to-day by the supervisors, and this county is to pay four thousand dollars when the bridge is dedicated to the county by the railroad company.

READ BY OVER 100,000 PEOPLE

The news of the world and many pages of the best magazine features are carried to over 100,000 readers every week by The Sunday Times-Dispatch. And the number of readers is growing steadily, as the paper improves and broadens its field. To-morrow's issue will be one of the best yet sent out.

Halle Erminio Rives, the talented author, has been especially engaged by The Times-Dispatch to write a series of "Famous Men of the South." Each will be a complete novel of Charles Dickens, artfully compressed into a page. "The Old Curiosity Shop" will be printed to-morrow, and old and young alike will be interested in the story of "Little Nell."

George Washington's advice to a young woman on Love and Marriage, will be read with interest in the face-smile of a letter written to Miss Betsey Custis by George Washington. This letter, which has never been published, is now in the possession of a New York gentleman. There will be other interesting features bearing on the approaching Washington birthday celebration, including an illustrated article by Miss Gilbert. Whittle on Washington relics at Tudor Place, the home of Mrs. Kennon, the oldest living descendant of Martha Washington.

The Woman's Page has long been a popular feature of The Sunday Times-Dispatch, and its recently established Exchange has sprung into great favor. The contributions in to-morrow's page will be among the best yet printed. The awards in the January contests will be made public and new contests will be announced.

America, the refuge for foreign criminals, is the subject of a striking color page feature for to-morrow. The casual reader will be surprised to learn of the great increase in crime due to immigration.

The Children's Page will be found up to a high standard this week, and the comic page has two exceptionally funny features. The Confederate Page, the Genealogical Department, the Foreign Page, the Sporting Page and all other departments will be excellent. And the news of the world will be well covered.

FITZ LEE MAY BE MADE COLLECTOR

Report That President Will Ap-
point Him to Norfolk
Port.

COL. LAMB FOR POSTMASTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A report is current that the President is considering the appointment of General Fitzhugh Lee to the position of collector of customs of the port of Norfolk. Coupled with this rumor is another to the effect that Colonel William Lamb will be appointed postmaster of that city. There is no means of authenticating the reports, which have not gained general currency.

General Lee is a Democrat, though he has not taken an active part in politics for a number of years. He was in Cuba as consul general at Havana when Mr. Bryan was the Democratic nominee for the presidency in 1896. He was in the army when Mr. McKinley was elected a second time in 1900, so that he did not have opportunity to take part in the campaign. Since that election he has been on the retired list of the army, and has not entered into political contests.

President Roosevelt told several Southern Democratic senators and members very recently that he would be glad if any of them would come to him and tell him frankly of objections to the appointment of particular men proposed for certain offices in the South, and that if their objections were valid, he would be glad to listen to them and would appoint somebody else.

"But, of course," he added, "I cannot appoint a Democrat. The Republican party has elected me to office, and I shall feel bound to select appointees from that party."

However, the President has appointed Major Thomas G. Jones, a Confederate soldier, and a gold Democrat, to a district judgeship in Alabama. It is understood that General Lee was opposed to the election of Bryan, and may, therefore, be looked upon as a gold Democrat.

Colonel William Lamb has been a Republican ever since the war between the States. His heroic defense of Fort Fisher gave him a reputation in this country and in Europe. Of recent years his health has been very poor, however, and it is not known that he would accept the position of postmaster if offered it.

With General Rogers as postmaster at Charlottesville, General Lee collector of the port of Norfolk, Colonel Lamb postmaster of that city, and a son of General J. E. B. Stuart, marshal of the Eastern District of Virginia, it would be said that the President had put the Confederates in the saddle in Virginia. It is not believed entirely improbable that the President will appoint General Lee and Colonel Lamb to the positions mentioned, yet, to appoint the former would be to violate a determination Mr. Roosevelt declared only a few days ago he had reached.

NAN PATTERSON TRIAL BEGINS ON MARCH 6TH

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—District Attorney Jerome today sent a notification to counsel for Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of Queen Young, that a new trial case will be begun on March 6th, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court.

PRISONERS MAY HAVE SMALLPOX

Men at Penitentiary Lived With
Hobo Now Dying With
Disease.

CASE AT LYNCHBURG JAIL

There is grave danger that the State penitentiary will be visited by smallpox. Four prisoners, two white and two colored, were received at the prison on Thursday. These four men were brought from the Lynchburg jail, where they had been in close contact with a negro jailbird who has since broken out with a deadly case of smallpox.

A telegram from Lynchburg was received in this city last night from a private source. It stated that almost immediately after the four prisoners for the penitentiary had been removed, the negro hobo, who had been violently ill, was removed to the city hospital, the jail authorities believing him to be suffering from typhoid fever. At the hospital, Dr. Casey, president of the Lynchburg Board of Health, discovered that the negro was suffering from smallpox. He was at once sent to the pest-house, but it is thought that he will certainly die.

The man had been associated with all the prisoners in the Lynchburg jail, and there is grave danger that there will be an epidemic there.

When the news reached Richmond last night, the penitentiary was closed, and Superintendent Bolling had retired. Over the phone he stated that four prisoners had been received from Lynchburg on Thursday. He was unable to give their names.

No Wild Epidemic.

Mr. Milton Marcuse, president of the penitentiary board, was informed of the danger. Mr. Marcuse said that there could be no wild epidemic, for the prisoners are all under close observation.

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FAULKNER FAMILY WERE POISONED

Cook Declares White Woman
Gave Her Powder to
Put in Pot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 17.—Lillie Vlar, a young colored girl, was arrested here to-night on the charge of poisoning the family of Ham Faulkner, a brother of John A. Faulkner, secretary of the Lynchburg Board of Trade. The girl admits sprinkling a powder in some of the cooking utensils of the family on last Saturday, but claims this was done at the instigation of a white woman, who told her it was Good Luck powder, and she wanted to give the family good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and two children have been very ill, but they were better this evening. They have been ill since Tuesday, but it was only learned to-day that they were victims of poisoning. The police are investigating the charge of the girl, and it is expected that the woman accused by her, will be arrested to-night.

SERGIUS, MOST HATED MAN IN RUSSIA, SLAIN

Body of Grand Duke Is
Torn to Pieces by Ni-
hillist Bomb.

KILLED WITHIN WALLS OF KREMLIN

News, Though Not Unexpected,
Causes Intense Excitement
in St. Petersburg.

ASSASSIN ARRESTED; PLEASED WITH HIS WORK

Murder Deprecated on All Sides
by All Classes—Probable Ef-
fect on Liberal Movement
Just Taking on New Life.
Grand Duke Leader of
Reactionary Party.

(By Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, Feb. 17.—(4:20 A. M.)—Within the walls of far-famed Kremlin and almost underneath the historical tower from which Ivan, the Terrible, watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the famous Red Square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas and the chief of the reactionary party met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the Grand Duke a bomb charged with the same high-powder explosive which wrought Minister Von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body to ghastly fragments, which strewn the snow on yards around. Every window in the great, lofty facade of the Palace of Justice was shattered and bits of iron were imbedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away.

Had Been Warned.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the socialist revolutionary party, which has removed its prominent officials and which long ago passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The Grand Duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety. It was the irony of fate that Sergius, after taking refuge in his country villa during the strike troubles of a month ago and later seeking even more secure shelter in the palace within the Kremlin walls, should be killed while proceeding to the governor-general's palace, beyond the walls and which he had abandoned to enable the police to make a search for the Grand Duke. She was driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy and knelt hatless and coatless on the blood-stained snow and murmured prayers for the welfare of the soul of her slain consort.

Scene of the Crime.

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal, treasury and courts of justice, in a single angle, and the Nicholas Palace, the residence of the Grand Duke. The opposite corner is the Nikolai gate, the exit to the town beyond the ramparts. A few minutes before the bell of the gate sounded, the police of the Kremlin, the great Choudoff Cossack, Ivan Tomenko, the great Cossack, and long rows and cannon captured from Napoleon in the winter retreat of 1812.

In a minute the carriage was in front of the courts of justice, where the walls of the triangle approach, forming a sharp point. The carriage was stopped by a man, clad in workman's attire, stepped forward from the sidewalk and threw a bomb, which he had concealed beneath his coat. A terrible explosion followed and a hail of iron pelleted the grim stone walls of the arsenal angle, and the great cloud of smoke, snow and debris arose.

When it had cleared a ghastly sight was presented. On the snow lay fragments of the body of the Grand Duke Sergius, mingled with the wreck of the carriage. The Grand Duke's head had been torn from his body and reduced to a shapeless pulp and the trunk and limbs were frightfully mangled. A finger bearing a rich seal ring was found lying several yards away. The crimson tint and a sickening smell of blood were everywhere. Only a few fragments of cloth indicated that the body had been once clothed. The coachman lay moaning with pain beside a deep hole in the pavement. The horses, dragging the front wheels of the carriage, had dashed off madly with pain, to sink dying before they reached the gate.

Assassin Arrested.

The sound of the explosion was heard throughout the city, and even beyond the river. A crowd began to assemble and even to handle grim evidences of the tragedy while they discussed the affair in awe-struck voices. Police officials rapidly gathered, but before any could be done about collecting the scattered fragments of the body, Grand Duke's Elizabeth drove up in an open carriage. She had dropped her work at the headquarters of the Red Cross and sped to the scene of the crime without waiting to don her outer wraps. She broke down entirely at the sight and dropped to her knees, sobbing bitterly. After a few minutes she was led away. Then a stretcher was brought, and covered with a